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Mr. Hunter's Address at Richmond The Southern L terary Messenger for March, is published in advance. It contains Mr. John R. Thompson's Ode on the Inauguration of the Equestrian Statue of Washington in Richmond, yesterday, and Mr. Hun-TERS' ADDRESS. The latter is a very fine preduction-unostentatious and generally plain in its style-but classical-well conceived-well expressed, and appropriate .-His portraits of Washington the soldier, and Washington the statesman, are carefully

drawn. We will give the concluding words: "But I must not close this address without one word of affectionate adjuration to thee, Virginia, and bidding you all bail, oh most glorious mother! Take us, thy c ildren with thee to the tombs of your mighty sons that we may learn from your meditations something of the secret of your own great heart. Does it occur to you, as you bend in sorrowing pride over these monuments of your dead, that perhaps the wiser part was taken by the daugh ter of Scipio and the mother of the Gracchi, who refused to bear more children lest she should, be shamed by the comparison of the younger with the elder born? I. it the sacred question of your bosom, "Quid faceant stemmata?" when you contract your present with your past? I pray you, by all the love we bear you, to harbor no such reproachful suggestions in your bosom. The wealth of your achievements may lie in the past, but never was a mother richer in the affections of her children .-Every drop of your waters and the very dust of your soil are as dear to them as if they bore the charm of life itself. Your great name and its associations constitute the fascination and the spell which call up the deepest emotions of filial love and pride in the hearts of your children. They may not add to the lustre of your name, but they will preserve and defend it against reproach and disgrace. They no longer bring curule dignities to your house, nor do lictors and fasces mark their approach to your door, but they bear you what after all is the richest treasure and best def nce of a state, the loyalty and devetion of a united family, which knows no higher reward than a mother's love, and no prouder object of ambition than a mother's glory -Permit me, then, to say, it the love which inspires it can excuse the presumption of the advice, that if you wish to renew, in some future generation, the glories of your mighty line, you must be true to yourself, to the traditions of your past to the long established principles of your public policy, and the peculiar genius of your people. For how long did American civilization follow the line of fires as your pioneers passed through the Why may there not spring up again within your household the lights which may lead to a higher culture and to a happier, a more refined and a more combination of the social and individual elements whose proper organization constitutes the strength of human of your own great school. Equally firm is my conviction, that the lights which should direct that application are to be found in the lessons which bave been taught by your own sons, whose teachings have in them more of prophetic wisdom than all the

the cynosure of his race." Honors to Gen. Scott.

Both branches of the Virginia Legislature, on Saturday last, passed resolutions inviting Gen. Winfield Scott, to visit the capitol. In the House of Delegates, on motion of Mr. Edmunds, a committee of six was appointed to make suitable arrangements for the reception of Lt. Gen. Scott.

states and nations of the earth, where Wash-

ington, her own illustrious son, stands

amongst men,-the world's great paragon,

The Speaker appointed as the committee: Messrs. Edmunds, Preston, Powell, of Loudoun, Hoge, Fitzhugh and B seeau.

Subsequently, Mr. Preston, from the said committee, presented a report embracing a plan of arrangements for the reception of Scott was conducted into the Hall, at 1 o'clock, by Mr. Edmunds and the other members of the committee.

Mr. Edmunds said: Mr. Speaker, I have the bonor to present to you and the House, Lieut. Gen. Scott. (Great applause.)

The Speaker, (having proviously arisen from his seat.) said: It affords me great pleasure, sir, to welcome you to this Hall, and introduce you to gentlemen comprising the popular branch of the Legislature of Virginia, and to extend to you for them, and through them, for the people of this Commonwealth, and the Legislature of Virgitiia, a hearty welcome to your native State. (Applause.) I would do violence to my own feelings, and would, I am sure, do violence to your own gallantry, if I did not include the ladies, who are assembled here to-day, in this cordial assurance of welcome. You have returned to Virginia, on this occasion to unite in demonstrations of respect to a name we all delight to esteem and honorto unite in the inauguration of you emblem commemorative of him who was "first in peace, first in war, first in the hearts of his fellow countrymen." (Loud applause.)

We have before us, sir, in your person, the hero of Chippewa and of Lundy's Lane .-[Applause.] We have the conqueror of Mexico. (Renewed applause.) short, sir, the first captain of the age. (Contiqued applause.)

Sir, I am sure your noble heart will ap preciate the declaration, when I announce to you, as I feel authorized to do, that you occupy a place in the heart of every Virgin-In conclusion, sir, permit me to say, that it will be a most pleasing recollection that I have had the honor to perform this most agreeable duty, and to extend this most cordial welcome. (Loud applause)

Gen. Scorr said, in substance: Mr. Speaker: I am somewhat accidentally in the Capital of Virginia. I could not allow the interesting ceremonies which are about to be performed on the public ground, to pass by without being present on the occasion, and I came hare air, to witness the demon-etrations in honor of the "Father of his Country;" but instead of being a mere spectator of that seens as I had expected-a mere looker-on-I am met by the assembled fast returning to a specie basis, and Virginia ciety were nev Representatives of the Commonwealth; and and North Carolina must soon fall into line. the present tip

have been honored by them with a cordiality and kindness which I could not have expected. Virginia has always taken a lively interest in those of her sons who have endeavored well in the cause of the Commonwealth. It has been my fortune to be benefitted by that paternal feeling. I have had conferred upon me high honors, the recollection of which I have ever cherished. Soon after the end of the war of 1815, I had conferred upon me by the Legislature of this State a sword of honor-a beautiful token of ap proval, which, I regret to say, I have not with me, a this time. The sword I have or, is a Louisiana sword, and happened to be the only one within reach when I lett Washington. At a subsequent period, Virginia did me the bonor to confer upon me a gold medal, which would set forth the distinction by which I had gained the approbation of the

Representatives of a State that I am proud to own as my dear old Mother. Later they conferred another honor upon me, by passing highly complimentary resolutions, and now, forty-four years after the first honor, which was bestowed upon me by the Legislature of Virginia, I am received here with the kind expressions of your heart, with a warmth and cordiality which make me feel that this honor is the proudest of them all.

(Applause.) When I reflect upon all these testimonials of regard, I may say, without arrogance, that my life has not been entirely in vain. From my earliest youth I was fired with an ardent desire o prove myself worthy of this our Commonwealth, and now, to receive such generoos applause, is truly gratifying to my feelings. It will cheer the remaining days of life.

It will lighten my path to the grave. After a few more remarks of a similar purport, Gen. Scott concluded by reiterating his thanks for the bonors which had been

conferred upon him. The speaker then vacated the Chair, and introduced the illustrious guest to the members and others.

After about twenty minutes had been thus occupied, he resumed the Chair, and the House adjourned.

Previous to General Scott's introduction to the House, he was received and welcomed in the Senate-the President of that body making him an appropriate address, to which he responded in terms similar to the speech be delivered in the House of Delegates.

About half-past nine o'clock, on Saturday night, a collision took place in the Chesapeake Bay, between the steamer Louisiana, Captain Geo. W. Russell, and the schooner Wm. K. Parran, Captain Ogden. Seeing their boat must go down, Captain Ogden far as walking is concerned. quickly ordered all hands, five or six in number, to leave, and in the course of two or three minutes they were received on board strangers in this city at the present time, than the Louisiana and brought to Baltimore .- there has been ever known before on any The vessel fil ed and sank in less than ten occasion. minutes. The Louisiana sustained no injury whatever, being struck with but little force The schooner hailed from the Jerseys, and had been off the Norfolk coast, where she took in a cargo of oysters.

The Charlottesville Advocates states, that in consequence of the increased rates of freight on the Central Railroad, "the farmers and planters of Albemarle, who were but recently profitable customers of the railroad, are hauling their produce and tobacco Richmond. The same state of affairs is beginning to be entered upon by Valley farmers, who are preparing to wagon their proof the Central railroad."

Another voice, "as of one crying in the wil-

"Publius," in the Richmond Enquirer, says: "For one, I am ready, over my own or asgovernment? I believe, in my soul, that sumed name, to defend the position which such would be the results of the faithful Gov. Wise has taken so openly and main- broke and spread devastation. We are yet and further application of the principles tained with so much ability, in opposition to the Lecompton Constitution. I should not be marked on all sides with evidences of demodesirous or unwilling to publish a line in that behalf but for the feet that I know that the Democratic party, out of the Legislature, is not so unanimous in favor of the admission by Congress of Kansas as a State under that Constitution, as is claimed by the newspaper leaves of the Sibyl. Such are the achievements which place Virginia amongst the press.

The Journal of Commerce says that the Baltie is now, with the other steamers, in the hands of the Sheriff, and if nothing is done by the stockholders at their meeting this week, to relieve the company of its embarrassments, the vessels will be sold. At any rate, we hope the ships will not be lost to the country. If a sale takes place, there is nothing to prevent the organization of a new company to purchase the ships, and under different management continue the line upon a system still more perfect than any hitherto adopted.

Important despatches from Mexico have been received at the State Department. Mr. Forsyth, our minister, had recognized the new government, as have all the other mem- and upon its summit stands a colossal eques-Lieut. Gen. Scott, which was agreed to unar- bers of the diplomatic crops, such a course imously. In pursuance thereof, Lieut Gen. being not only usual but necessary for the protection of the interests of American citizens. Grave questions are likely to come up at once with the Zuloga government, in consequence of the decree restoring the confiscated church property to the clergy.

The court house of Harford county, Md., situated at Belair, was partially destroyed by fire, during an early houron Friday night. It seems that one of the parties engaged in the building on the evening of its destruction went away without properly extinguishing the fires, one of which communicated to the wood work near it, and but a few minutes elapsed ere the flames spread rapidly, and at the dawn of day nothing remained but a portion of the walls of the main building.

The following named gentlemen have been appointed by Gov. Wise, visitors at the Deaf and Dumb and Blind Institution, in Staucton, viz :- James H. Skinner, George Baylor, Absalom Koiner, Col. W. H. Harman, Augusta. Sam'i. C. Williams, Shenaudoah. L. W. Glazebrook, Richmond. Wm. Mc-Laughlin, Rockbridge.

The contest for the office of Clerk of the County Court of Augusta is likely to be an animated one. Mr. J. B. Imboden, Mr. to favor the action of the United States Gov-J. B. Watts, Mr. Jefferson Kenney, Mr. Jar. Cochran, and Mr. T. B. Wilson, are already announced as candidates. Mr. Imboden says the office is worth \$5,000 per annum.

The Wabash, late flag ship of the home squadron, has been ordered to be put out of commission, and prepared as flag ship of the Bulletin, from a reliable source, the follow-Mediterranean squadron. The officers have ing information: been detached and the crew will be discharged.

Senator Bell will not obey instructions on Lecompton, and will state his reasons for this course at the next meeting of the Senate.

In Charleston and Savannah, affairs are fast returning to a specie basis, and Virginia ciety were nev

A call has been issued in Baltimore for a meeting "in favor of the immediate admirsion of Kansas under the Lecompton constitution," which has already received a large number of signatures.

A white man in Petersburg has been arrested for assaulting and committing an outrage upon the person of a young girl in that

Gov. McMullin has applied to the Wastngton Territory Legislature to be divorced from his wife, who is in Virginia.

The Charleston Mercury even exceeds the Anti-Wise Democratic papers in this state, in its denunciations of the Governor.

The Rev. James Farquharson, agent of the Bible Union Society, died on the 18th, after a short illness.

Both branches of the Legislature adjourned on Saturday, until to-day.

Letter from Richmond.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 21st, 1858 -Tre Mt. Vernon Guards, under command of Capt. Samuel H Devaughn, and the Alexandria Riffemen, Capt. A. Herbert, arrived in Rich. mond this morning, between six and seven answer had been returned as yet. He, howo'clock. The Alexandria Riflemen are quartered at the Central Hotel, and the Mt. Vernon Guards at Reid's Hotel. Both of the companies have got excellent quarters.

The Guards attended divine service this morning, at the Methodist Episcopal Church, (S ath.) and listened to an elequent sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Carter. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Mr. Duncan, who has been stationed in Alexandria for two years past, after the sermon was concluded, made some very appropriate and well-timed remarks to the Guards. He said it was a source of great gratification to meet his old friends from Alexandria, and he considered it a compliment paid him, by the Guards attending his church in preference to any

The Riflemen attended church at St. James', where a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Pettriken. The Monticello Guards of Charlottesville, and the Young Guards of Richmond, also attended church there.

The weather over head is delightful, but the streets are very muddy, and we will have a very disagreeable time to-morrow, so

The Hotels are all crowded-not a bed can be had for love or money. There are more

The companies from Alexandria reflect great credit on the old town, and you will bear a good account of them. OBSERVER.

Future Business Prospects. It is true we have passed the crisis in recent financial embarrassments and are encouraged to look ahead with increasing hopefulness. Difficulties, however, are still to be surmounted, the accomplishment of which must require extreme prudence and caution. to the Rivanna Canal improvements near It is not in the nature of things that so great the Milton Mills, thence to be boated to a derangement in monetary affairs, and in the innumerable ramifications of trade, should be very speedily adjusted, or satisfactorily did not like political associations, and beome. Those who anticipate a quick reformerly did, rather than submit to the rates turn to the same condition of things existing prior to the hard times, are sure of disappointment. The folies, extravagances, and wild speculations -- all growing out of an underness,"--is heard in defence of Gov. Wise, real, inflated condition of things accumulating gradually for twenty years--reached a point beyond which they could progress no further, and hence when the incongruous e'ements of this gathering storm clashed, it in the tornado's, track which is deep and liticn. At every point edifices great and small-once deemed impregnable-toppled and fell. Others, like the giant oak, were shivered or stripped of their branches, and still bear marks of hard usage. Many, less potent, though of more elastic mould, bent under the burthen of accumulated obstructions, and are far from baving gained an erect position .-Few, indeed, now stand, that did not, in a greater or less degree, partake of consequences in the d-vasting course of this unprecedented financial hurricane. Like the battle field after a fierce conflict, time is required to bury the dead, and care for the wounded. -Balt Pat.

Washington Monument at Richmond. is regarded by competent critics as quite equal to any other of Crawford's works .--This is its design: First, there is a star-shaped elevation with six points, upon which Great Tehetchua should make their submisstand colossal statues in bronze of Lee, Mason, Marshall, Nelson, Henry, Jefferson; thence the pedestal rises some twenty feet. trian statue of Washington. Henry is in the act of energetic declamation; Jefferson India or China. is absorbed in thought, while the pen and the scroll suggest the Declaration of Independence. The figure and countenance of Washington, are agitated by the excitement of battle. Evidently he is in the crisis of action. His horse, while moving at a rapid pace, is suddenly reined up and partly thrown upon the baunches, and with the right hand he points with an expression of interest and The group is instinct with life and meaning. bales, including 175,000 bales American

Late from Salt Lake.

Sr. Louis, Feb. 20 .- The Independence correspondent of the Repblican, under date of the 16th instant, says the mail from Salt deelined. Lake arrived the previous night. Conductor Denver reports the snow from one to six feet deep on the mountains, and the weather Ist, when the troops were in good spirite, more 22. 6: @23.; Ohio 25. @27s. Wheat intensely cold; he left Camp Scott, January earnestly wishing for good weather and reinforcements to make a descent on Salt Lake City. From Mormon prisoners and strag. Southern 7s @7s. 9d. for choice. Corn is gling Utah Indians, Col. Johnson is well ad- dull and all qualities have slightly declined. vised of the movements of the Saints, who are making active preparations for resisting the troops in the spring. Their municipal regulations are very stringent, and suspicion fastens upon every body in the least inclined ernment. Governor Cumming is performing ces slightly higher. Coffee is steady. Rice the duties of his office as far as he is abic .-The outward bound mails are making good ed; sales at 18s. 6d(a, 20s. 9d. Tea is slow of route and were all friendly.

The Sunday School Union. We have received says the Philadelphia

"The numerous friends of the American Sunday School Union will be pleased to learn that the actual loss arising from the recent defalcation, will not exceed \$40,000 and that the Managers of the Society, with the aid of a few personal friends, have determined to pay the entire loss out of their · · Union are own pockets. in fine spirits,

Arrival of the Steamer Africa. THREE DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

New York, Feb. 21 .- The steamer Africa, with Liver, ool dates to the 6th, arrived be- well known in this city and neighborhood, low last night, but did not get up until this where a large circle of friends lament his

England -Parliament re-assembled on the 4th inst., when Lord Palmerston gave notice of a bill in regard to conspiracies to murder, which meets the refuges question. A bill had also been proposed giving author-Lity to the East India Company to raise a loan of not over £10,000 000 in England.

The news from the continent is unimportant. The affairs of India had claimed considerable attention from Parliament since a-sembling. Lard Palmerston gave notice of a bill for the amendment of the government of India.

An address had been voted by both Houses of Parliament congratulating the

Queen on the marr age of the Princess Royal. Mr. Rebuck asked Lord Palmerston whether at y communications had passed between France and England to regard to the alien act, or for altering the criminal code. He spoke bitterly against Napoleon and the French officials.

Lord Palmersion acknowledged the receipt of a dispatch calling the attention of the government to the refugee question, and hoping that the British government would do what it thought fit in the premises. No ever, rebuked Roebuck's onslaught.

FRANCE -The French Consuls are hereafer not to grant passports to British subjects. The new French penal law was undergoing modifications.

A decree has been issued investing Prince Jerome Napoleon with the right of attending the meetings of the Council of State and residing in the Emperor's absence.

The Paris correspondent of the Morning Heraid states that in the opinion of many respectable Frenchmen too much importance has been attached in England to the mintary addresses in the Moniteur. These demonstrations, he says, have taken place under the influence of the excitement, and the uniform loyalty of the Emperor as an ally should have more weight than the boastful manifestations of soldiers anxious to establish claims for future promotion by exaggerated statements.

James Odier, one of the most respeciable members of the banking community of Paris, the failure of whose firm was announced a few days since, had committed suicide by hanging himself.

The Italian residents of Paris had presented a congratulatory address to the Emperor. in which they repudiate the assassins who call themselves Italians. The address says: Liberal Italy, which has not forgotten what she owed at a great epoch to the chief of your dynasty, disavows as her children all such. Our codes bear the impress of the genius of Napoleon the First, and we know that Napoleon the Third, in his disinterested policy, has always protected the wishes of nationalties."

The minister of war has been charged with a commission to purchase hotels at Nancy, Tours, Toulons, Lyons, and Paris for the marshals who are to be appointed to the great military commands into which France has been divided.

The Moniteur publishes further congratulatory addresses, the chief being from the artillery and infantry of marine. No reference is made to the refugee question.

PRUSSIA .- Prince Frederick William had refused to receive the deputations of political associations. The Prince stated that he lieved that if any durable change be made in the government of Prussia, an end would be

put to these bodies. SPAIN.-The Cortes had voted an address in reply to the speech from the throne, by a vote of two huedred to fourteen. The speech of Bravo Murillo fills ten columns of murder of his wife, returned a verdict this the Madrid journals. He stated that in order to re-establish society firmly on its basis it will, in his opinion, be desirable to confirm the right of voting to persons who pay arrived here. The Worcester, bound for jured. the highest amount of taxes; to reduce the number of deputies; to have no functionaries | The other lines are still at their piers. or military officers in active service in the chamber, and lastly to have discussions se-

A decree recently issued extends the amnesties on the birth of a Prince to the colo-

TURKEY .- Constantinople advices to the 27th report that certain Circassian slave merchants who were proceeding to that place for the purpose of selling some young women and children, having been refused passports by the Russian consultte at liebizon, and having als heard of the promise of the Sultan to interdict the sale of white slaves, the United States, in the nature of a chaltook up arms, and wanted to set fire to the consul's house. The resident Europeans, we have not heard the particulars of the with the consuls of France and England, to The Monument to Washington in this city | the number of three hundred, all armed, Harney's preferring charges against Col. S. had, however, gathered around the Rossian

consulate for its delence. The Circassian chief, Schmyls, had been obliged to consent that all the population of sion to Russia. Le Nord, however, does not

confirm this.
NAPLES.—The trial of the Neapolitan revolutionists of June last had been commen-

ced at Salerno. INDIA .- There is nothing later either from

MARKETS -- LIVERPOOL, Feb. 6 -- Cotton .-Sales of the week 54,000 bales, including 5,500 bales sold on speculation, and 3 000 bales for export. The market opened with a slight advance on all qualities, but this was lost before the close of the market. New Upland declined 1-16. The market generally closed quiet. Orleans fair 7; middling 6 15-16; Mobile fair 71; middling 6; Upland

cotton. Manchester advices are favorable, and prices have generally advanced. Breadstuffs -- The market is very dull. Flour and corn of all qualities have slightly

Richardson & Spence quote:-Flour closed with a declining tendency and is unsaleable quotations are nominal. Western canal 20s. 64 @22s. 6d.; Philadelphia and Balti-91. @6 .; Southern red 7s @7s. 24; white

Mixed and yellow 33s; white 35s.

Provisions.—Beef is steady. Pork is heavy. Bacon is quiet and slightly lower. Lard is heavy, and all qualities slightly declined. Tallow has desidned Is.

Produce.-Sugar closed buoyant, and pristeady and active; Carolina slightly advancprogress. Many Indians were met on the sale, but prices are unaltered. Rosin closed arm; common 4s. 3d.; fine has declined .-Spirits Turpentine steady at 36(a37s.

London Markets .- Birings' circular quotes: Sugar is steady. Coffee is firm. Tea is unchanged; an average business has been doing. Rice is heavy. American securities are active and rates

tending unward. Money Market .-- The money market closed slightly easier. The cash rates have been reduced to 34 per cent. Consols, for money, 96, and 96 a 26 for account. Bullion in the Bank of England has increased £395,-

LCOHOL AND ETHEREAL OIL, a full aupply, received, and for sale by H. COOK & CO, Sarepta Hall.

Rev. H. H. Holcomb.

Recent advices from the Mission House said intelligence of the untimely death of Rev. Hugh Hamilton Helcomb, who was loss. His death was thus announced from the Mission House:

Mr. Holcomb was born in Granby, Con necticut; was elucated by his father, Samuel C. H. Leomo, A. M., and entered Trinky ollege, Hartford, Connecticut, in 1841 -Leaving this institution in his senior year, he entered the senior class of Union College, Scheneetady, and graduated with bonor in August, 1845, at the age of 20 years. For several years after leaving college, Mr. Holcomb resided in Washington, engaged in the study of the law, and in 1852 he was admited to the bar in the District of Columbia. Thus far a career of literary and profes-

sional success seemed to open before him .-But his residence in Washington brought him near a class of men at Alexandria whose hearts G d bad touched with love for the souls of their tellow-men perishing in heathen ignorance and sin. He made up his mind that there were honors of a more enduring kind which every rational mind ought to prize, and that there were pursuits connected with the well-being of the soul in this world and beyond the grave which men ought to

estimate at their due. Resolving to devote himself to the ministry and the cause of missions, he entered the Theological Seminary, Alexandria, Verginia and, passing through the three years' course of study, was ordained deacon by Bishop Meade, June 29, 1855. On the 14th of March, 1856, he sailed for Africa, and landed at Cape Palmas June 13, just one year before his death. His short missionary career was passed at Cavalla, where his modest, unassuming manner and great kindness endeared him to all the members of the mission family He took an active part in preaching amongst

the natives and in all duties assigned him. Thus has there fallen in the vineyard his master another faithful laborer, who hesitated at no self-denial, who was discouraged at no sacrifices he was called to make. Having forsaken all for Christ, he labored in faite and hope for a short time for the good of Africa's children, and, having calmly failen asteep in Jesus, he now rests from his labors.

Telegraphic Despatches. ELMIRA, N. Y., Feb. 20 -A school house

on Main street caught fire from the stove pipe yesterday morning and was entirely onsumed. No one was injured.

New York, Feb. 20 .- On Thursday even ing, while the convicts in the State prison, at Sing Sing, were filling into the mess room for supper, five of them made a rush for the river, which is frozen over, thinking to escape on the ice. They were pursued and fired upon by the guards, and all brought back, when three were found to be wounded. John Spence, the well-known companion and pal of Mable Hodges, had received five balls; Peter Devlin at least two balls; and Quinn, s tourth ward burglar, got four boilers. The other two were not injured. Spence and Quinn are badly burt, and will probably die

St. Louis, Feb. 20 .- The Republican earns from private sources that the Ponca Indians are committing depredations on property, wounding cattle, and threatening the lives of citizens at Nebraska City, near Fort Randall, Nebraska. Major Day has sent Captain Davidson with three companies of United States troops to quell the dis-

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21 .- Notwithstanding the severity of the snow storm there has been no detention to the mails, passenger or freight trains between Philadelphia and New York, Baltimore or Pittsburg. All the trains arriving and departing regularly.

case of Wm. J. Clark, charged with the evening, after being out seven hours, of murder in the first degree.

DANVILLE, Pa., Feb. 20 .- The jury in the

Norwich, has anchored under Hart Island. PITTSBURG, Feb. 20 .- The rivers continue

closed, but there are still ample railroad facilities for the prompt transit of freight. Augusta, Feb. 20 .- The brig Annie Tyng. from Maine, was stranded on St. John's beach on the 14th inst., and has been con-

GENERAL HARNEY AND COL SUMNER .-- It became known yesterday that there has recently transpired a correspondence between these two distinguised officers of the army of lenge from the latter to the former. So far, affair, which is said to have resulted in Gen. on which it seems to be supposed that the latter will be court martialed.

A SENSATION .-- Quite a sensation was created ye-terday by the appearance, on a tree. in the vicinity of the Navy Department, of a placard, signed by an ex-Lieut, of the Navy Mr. Rhind) denouncing and pronouncing a Commander in the service (Mr. Boutwell) in the terms usual in such efforts to obtain "redress or satisfaction." The cause alleged in the paper was something offensive contained in a pamphlet said to have been written by the commander. We take if the affair grows out of occurrences in the course of proceedings before one of the late Naval Courts of Inquiry .- Wash Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 .- An alternation took place at the dinner table at Brown's Hotel to-day, between Mr. J. B. Clay and Mr. Cullom late Clerk of the House. Substquently Mr. Cullom struck Mr. Clay with his pen hand in the lace.

There have been rumors all day of a hortile meeting between Mesers. Ciay and Cullom, resulting in a fatal wound to the latter; but it is believed that up to the present time no meeting has taken place. Buth parties are absent, and the friends of both are eagerly endeavoring to adjust the affair.

A PERSONAL COLLISION, it is understood. covered yesterday morning in the hair-dress ing saloon at Willards' Hotel, between Lieu tenants Bell and Williams, both Army Offi cers. The police were on the alert yesterday in consequence of rumors of a hostile meet ing on the tapis in consequence of this altercation, but it is said the affair was satisfacto rily adjusted through the interposition of friends .- Wash. Star of yesterday.

Gas Explosion in a Church. CINCINNATI, Feb. 20 .- Last evening the

Methodist Protestant Churh on sixth street. near Rice in this city, was partially destroyed by an explosion, caused by defective gas pipes. At seven o'clock some fifteen persons were assembled in the basement for prayer 'can philauthropists. meeting, when a strong odor of gas was observed. An effort was made to discover the leakage, and a light was applied to the meter, when a blaze burst forth, but it was extinguished by a bucket of water. Quiet was almost restored, when an explosion took place, tearing up the floor, shattering the walls, and making a wreck of the basement. In the church above half of the pews were torn up, the windows were blown out, porthe floor were carried as high as the ceiling, the doors were forced and the hinges blown off. The explosion was heard at the distance of half a mile, and the windows of many of the buildings in the vicinity were destroyed. Eight or ten persons were severely wounded, two or three of whom are not

Hotel Burnt and Loss of Life.

Sr. Louis, Feb. 21 .-- A fire broke out in near Cape Palmas, West Africa, tring the the Pacific Hotel, about three o'clock this ducted, in these latter days, with a view. morning, causing the greatest consternation by to the consolidation and perpendity f and among the boarders. There were in the that the Federal treasury may be plusters house about one hundred persons, between under cover of law. Every stomp-speaks. forty and fifty of whom are missing. The pamphleteer, journalist and biographer, who following are the names of those who it is in the name of patriotism, has bled fraction thus far ascertained are among the killed: the pocket or prostituted the brain in a n

Mes-rs. Bruce M Knitt, Burkhardt Wurst, cal campaign-in fact, every demographic Pane Sterrell, and Mrs. Jenney Jones, and who, since the late Presidential campaign child, all of this city; Henry Roches er and T. | bends low; and in a bondsman's key give Hart Strong, of Rochester, New York; Mr. his adhesion to the dominant party, mass ders Taylor, George Crane, Miss Jones, him as readily as the doors of the g and Charles Davis, residence unknown; Wil- cave to the daring robber in the Arabas liam Cunningham, of the Terre Haute and Tales. And too often for the good of Alt in railroad; Miss Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. country does the "open sesome" of the shipen Hubbard; residences unknown. Also nine demagogue prevail. persons who were in one room, and whose names and residences are unknown.

The following persons were seriously inared: James F. Geary, Reporter of the St. The thing is done so indirectly that the taxe ouis Leader; Elibu Hayne, of New York; tion is scarcely felt. It such would be the mathan Junes, Mr. - Towns, William case, how much more rebellious would as furner, and - Sharke, the watchman of

The fire originated in the drug store under the hotel, and the flames spread so rapidly that before the inmates could be aroused the staircases were enveloped in flames and all egress was cut off excepting by the windows. Many leaped from the third story, and were either terribly mangled or instantly killed. Many were unable even to reach the winlows, and were burnt to death in their rooms. Several bodies are supposed to be now in the ruins, and hundreds of excited men are energetically at work in removing the rubbish. e wounded are promptly taken in charge by their friends or sent to the hospitals, here their injuries are immediately attended to. Several of the injured cannot possibly live. The loss of property is estimated at \$50,000

Bishop Lynch, of Charleston. Rev Dr. Lynch, Catholic Bishop elect of

Charleston, S. C., was complimented at a recent dinner given by the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, by Rev. Mr. Burnap, an aged Protestant elergyman, who proposed health as: "The scholar, the gentleman, the American bishop. In his appointment, we are all Catholics-none Protestants." His teast was received with loud applause, and Bishop Lynch returned his warm thanks for the cord at manner in which he had been received, and expressed his acknowledgments of the kindness which he had been accustomed to receive in Charleston from his youth. He wished to ke a conservative-to revere the olden things, whether in Rome, Greece, or in any other country; the olden nonuments of this world as displayed in geology. And he revered the old custom of the Church, by which ecclesiastics took an interest in things of this world. Besides being an ecclesiastic, he held himself a citizen of Carolina, of Charleston, having 2 deep interest in everything that concerns ner welfare and honor, both in the present and in the future.

Dr. Judson's Burmese Testament.

The story of the preservation of this preious work, related by Mrs. Judson, might adorn the pages of romance. It was taken to Ava in manuscript; and when Mr. Judson was thrown into prison, was secretly sawed up by his wife in a cushion, too hard and unsightly to tem; t the capidity of even his jailors, and used by him as a pillow. When, at the close of seven months, he and his fellow-sufferers were so rudely thrust into the inner prison, the old pillow fell to the share of one of the keepers, but finding it probably oo hard for his use, he threw it back, and it came once more into its owner's hands .--It was again lost when he was driven to found, the eldest was in a sitting posts lung-pen-la; and, being stripped by one of dead, the flesh burned to a crisp, and the attendants of the mat which was tied tongue protruding; and the infant was around it, the roll of hard cotton was again on the floor, as though it had been the flung back into the prison. Here it was there by the nurse, and it lived but a found by Moung Ing, who took it home as a bours after being discovered. memorial of his teachers, without suspecting its priceless contents. Several mooths after, the manuscript which now makes a part of Boston, Feb. 20 .- All eastern boats have the Burmese Bible, was found within, unin- probably being asleep, was enveloped

Mr. Stanton, in Albany,

The N Y. Assembly had quite a stormy time of it on Friday, on the resolution granting the use of the chamber, as an act of courtesy, to Hon. F. P. Stanton for an address on the aftairs of Kansas. A few Democratic leaders determined to make it a test of party fealty. The resolution was eventually passed by 14 atic clipper, has broken loose again, at Democrats and 56 Republicans and Americans, in all 70, whilst 31 Democrats voted in sea. Count Cavour telegraphed to the the negative. It is stated that the impolicy thorities at Marseilles and Toulon bis of pressing such a test has already been in the Gulf of Spezzia, where the French shown, and the pressure has done much to steamer dragged him to Genoa, the w jure the Administration and still further being too stormy to proceed furth

livide the Democratic party in the State, ALBANY, Feb. 19 -The assembly chamer was crowded to its utmost capacity this evening, to listen to the speech of Mr. Stanon, relative to Kansas affairs. Many ladies were present. His speech was much the same as delivered in New York and Philadelphia, and was enthusia-tically received.

The Hon. Samuel A. Law presided.

Baltimore and Onto Railroad. "The Baltimore and Onio Railroad Company is considering the expediency of moving heir machine shops at Martinsburg and Piedmont to Cumberland, Md. The reason said to be assigned for this step is the enormous taxation demanded of the Company in Virginia."

The above is going the round in our exphanges The property of the Company, as yet, has never been taxed in this State, and cannot be, until, as stipulated in their charter, they declare a dividend of six per cent., pers are. when it will be subject to taxation. Moreover, the amount invested at the points indicated is too heavy for such an experiment at this this time. Therefore, we presume, the report is all moonshine-and that no such idea is entertained by the Company of moving their shops from Piedmont and Martinsburg to Cumberland -South Branch Int.

The French African Stave Trade.

Gov. Benson, of Liberia, in his message to the Legislature of that Republic, alludes in detail to the French emigration scheme .--He describes it as nothing more nor less than the slave trade in disguise. By this system, ne says, "wars have been fomented among the native tribes, the object being to make prisoners, with which to supply the emigrant ships; and although this may not have been intended by, or fully known to some of the masters and owners of such ships, yet they are nevertheless facts, fully within the knowedge of the citizens of Liberia, as well as of foreigners trading to the coast." The Paris Constitutional, despite this view of the case. earnestly delends the system, and argues that in no other manner can prosperity be restored to the French Antilles. It also ride icules the opposition of English and Ameri-

Present to the Princess Royal. Conspicuous among the piles of jewelry

and plate is a characteristic gift, a large edition of the sacred volume -a Bible, bound in the most co-tly and corgeous style. On the fly-leaf is inser bed: The Committee of the British and Foreign

Bible Society to her R yal Highness the Princess Royal, on the occasion of her marriage, with sincere prayers to Almighty God for her happiness in time and eterni y. Jan., 1858. Shaftsbyry, President."

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Government Expenses-Public Piundes The General Government seems to 1

- Johnson, of Chicago; William San- that the doors of the treasury should open

"It has been well said that if a man knew the amount of the tax upon his cost, a spir of rebellion would flash through his mind feel did we possess a full knowledge of the enormous amounts of the people's money acnually abstracted from the Federal treasure by the spoilsmen who congregate by the sands in Washington City. Verily, we should cry out with Hamlet :

"There's ne'er a villain, dwelling in all Denmar But he's an arrant knave.

"Let us briefly look at one branch of the grand robbery scheme-the public printing "When this matter was brought bel-Congress but a little while since, it was found that the cost of Government publications 45increasing to a fearful extent. In thethere second Congress the public printing amount ed to \$950,000, in the thirty third about \$1 700,000, and in the thirty-fourth \$2 333 000! Some \$45,000 have been expended in wood cuts; in many cases, of insignificant patents deposited in the Patent Office or we see it stated that the extravagant sum \$10,000 was paid for a single plate in th Patent Office Reports, of no particular value to any body. Of course these engravings a done at the North and the South is compell

to assist in footing the bill. "Again. The publication of Gillis's Actronomical Expedition is stated to have as \$115,000, Emory's Report \$347,000, and P.

cific Railway Survey some \$833,000. "Thus it is, a single contract, after all at penses are paid, is frequently quite suffice to make the fortune of the contractor. Is any wonder then that the public printers in alise fortunes, and that some of the most horest members of Congress should exist their astonishment that such extravage should be perpetrated at the expense of the tion? Is it any wonder that the contract tem gives rise to "log rolling" and "loby" and that a scramble should ensue by Government printing?"-New Orleans

From Havans.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.-The steamer Bl Warrior, from Havana with dates include the 15th, arrived at this port last evening Senator Henderson came passenger. cargoes of negroes had been landed at The American ships Challenge and Hooper had arrived with twelve hundred ies. Three hundred died on the voyage The Spanish fleet had returned to Havas

Burned to Death

On Wednesday afternoon last, two color children, one aged eight years, and the at an infant of a month old, were burned death on "Free Row" in this place. mother went out on an errand, and left t children in the house, locking the door a taking the key with her. When they we

It is supposed that the girl was sitting fore the stove with the infant on her late her clothes caught from a spark, and, flames, and only able when awakened

throw the infant upon the floor. The habit of leaving children in ros with fire cannot be too severely censured Winchester Republican.

The Bark Adriatic.

You have already heard how that marill Jack Sheppard, Capt. Durham, of the As once more over the waters of the dark would appear that they relied on the captain of the port for his safe custod the port captain on the French; but b them, amid the equalls and darkness clipper crept out at night, and dashed a smart and clever style. Lever tells Tipperary peasant, when asked to 163 prayers for his son, who had come to go saying, "My boy, when alive, broke every jail in Munster, and he won't stay

in purgatory." COMMUNICATE A new Corporation Office Proposed A bill is now before the Legislature of State, to provide for the appointment by

Councils, of Fire Marshals. It is propoto give to this officer the power to inqu into and investigate all fires, to make arrest and he is to be paid and governed as 0 The object of this movement is certainly good one, but in this time of general retread

ment, would it not be well instead of nex ficers with additional expense, to enlarge power of the City Mayors. These gentle are supposed to be not fully employed. having the requisite police organization proposed service can be well done by and at less expense to the City than the provisions of the new bill.

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